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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-12 and 17-24 were pending in this Patent Application. The Examiner rejected claims 1-12, 17-20 and 22-24. Claim 21 has been objected to as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 and amended Claims 2-4, 9-10, 17 and 20-24. Therefore, Claims 2-12 and 17-24 are presently pending. Of these, Claims 17, 20 and 21 are independent. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 depends directly from independent Claim 1. Applicant has rewritten Claim 21 into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended independent Claim 21.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-12, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,173,284 B1 issued to Brown ("Brown") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,912,947 issued to Langsenkamp, et al. ("Langsenkamp"), in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0019941 A1 issued to Chan et al. ("Chan") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,955,952 issued to Bergman, et al. ("Bergman"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and the assertions and determinations therein, for at least the following reasons.

Dependent Claims 2-12 and 22-24 have been amended as necessary to depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 21. Claim 21 has been shown above to be allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of dependent Claims 2-12 and 22-24 as depending from an allowable base claim and as providing further distinctions over the cited references.

Brown, Langsenkamp and Chan do not teach or suggest every element of amended amended Claim 21. Further, Bergman does not teach or suggest "the notification including

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contact information associated with an entity responsible for the public safety event" as recited, in part, by amended independent Claim 21. Bergman merely suggests contacting law enforcement or emergency personnel generally, and provides no teaching or suggestion of notifications that include contact information for any particular agency or person. See Bergman, Abstract; Figure 2; col. 2, lines 34-36; col. 4, lines 24-29. Also, merely contacting other individuals listed on a lost person's personal profile provides no teaching or suggestion of providing contact information as part of a notification. Bergman, col. 4, lines 29-30.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, dependent Claims 2-12 and 22-24 are patentable over the cited references. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 2-12 and 22-24.

Amended independent Claim 20 has been amended to include elements analogous to those in allowable independent Claim 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended independent Claim 20 for reasons similar to those shown above in association with Claim 21.

Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of Langsenkamp and Chan and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,510,978 issued to Colgan ("Colgan"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and the assertions and determinations therein, for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent Claim 17 has been amended to include elements analogous to those of allowable Claim 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended independent Claim 17 for reasons similar to those shown above in association with Claim 21.

Dependent Claims 18-19 depend from independent Claim 17. Independent Claim 17 is shown above to be allowable. These dependent claims are patentable as depending from an allowable base claim and as including further distinctions over the cited references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of dependent Claims 18-19.

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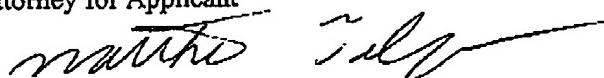
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be due.

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